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Dear Sir:

Applicant's attorney wishes to make of record certain documents that have come to his attention.

A European Search Report from the correspondence European application is enclosed, and the eight references cited therein are also enclosed, these references being listed in the accompanying PTO Reference Citation Form.

Zadno-Azizi U.S. Patent No. 6,231,588 and Euteneuer et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,943,278 have been discussed in the previous prosecution of this application, but have not been formally cited, so they are also included on the PTO Reference Citation Form.

Other references that applicants wish to call to the attention of the Examiner are Shimada et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,819,751 and Jang U.S. Patent No. 4,744,366.

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